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SUBJECT: US DOMESTIC ECONOMY PACKAGED PROGRAM

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1. LAFFER'S NAME IS PRONOUNCED "LAUGHER".
2. WAS UNABLE TO REACH AMBASSADOR HODGSON BEFORE HE DEPARTED WASHINGTON. BELIEVE LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO SECRETARY SIMON DESCRIBING IMPORTANCE OF ECON PACKAGE AND REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH-LEVEL USG SPOKESMAN WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT AND COULD RESULT IN SIDNEY JONES BEING GIVEN GREEN LIGHT TO ATTEND SEMINAR.
3. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE BIO-DATA ON JAMES R. UKOCKIS AS SUBMITTED BY JONES'S OFFICE: "DR. UKOCKIS WAS BORN IN CHICAGO IN 1938. HE MOVED TO MINNEAPOLIS, WHERE HE LIVED UNTIL 1950. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE LIVED IN INDIANAPOLIS AND LATER ATTENDED INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON. BETWEEN HIS VARIOUS DEGREES, HE WAS EMPLOYED IN NEW YORK CITY AND

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KANSAS CITY. SINCE COMPLETING HIS EDUCATION IN 1970, HE

HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

DR. UKOCKIS' UNDERGRADUATE WORK AND GRADUATE WORK WERE ALL DONE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY. HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. IN BUSINESS IN 1961 AND HIS M.A. IN ECONOMICS IN 1964. HIS DOCTORATE (IN ECONOMICS) WAS CONFERRED IN 1970.

DR. UKOCKIS' WORK EXPERIENCE HAS INCLUDED BEING A MUNICIPAL BOND ANALYST FOR A WALL STREET INVESTMENT BANKING HOUSE, A BUSINESS CONDITIONS ECONOMIST FOR THE KANSAS CITY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OR RESEARCH IN ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, AND A SENIOR ECONOMIST IN THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

HIS CURRENT POSITION IS THAT OF FINANCIAL ECONOMIST IN THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C."

4. RE POST'S REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSMAN LENGTH OF STAY: HAVE MENTIONED THIS TO LEIF H. OLSEN, SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND ECONOMIST, FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF N.Y. (CF. ENTRY IN WHO'S WHO), WHO MAY RPT MAY BE ABLE PARTICIPATE. OLSEN HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE IN D.C., WHICH WAS SUGGESTED AS VALUABLE RESOURCE BY WILLIS ARMSTRONG, USG SPOKESMAN CANDIDATE DESCRIBED IN STATE REFTEL. IS POST WILLING PROGRAM OLSEN EVEN IF FOR ONLY ONE WEEK, SHOULD HE BE AVAILABLE DURING SAME PERIOD AS OTHER SPEAKERS? IF HE DECLINES, CU WILL CONTINUE SEARCH AMONG FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR LONGEST POSSIBLE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BEFORE GOING BACK TO EARLIER CANDIDATES WITH NEW FORE-SHORTENED TIME-PERIOD PROPOSAL:

BERYL SPRINKLER, EXECUTIVE VP, ECONOMIST, WITH HARRIS, TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, CHICAGO;

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DAVID LAWRENCE GROVE, SENIOR ECONOMIST WITH IBM (RECOMMENDED BY BOTH CHAMBER AND, INDEPENDENTLY, ROBERT ROOSA, ANOTHER UNWILLING BUSINESSMAN CANDIDATE IN REFTEL.) GROVE ALSO IN WHO'S WHO. KISSINGER

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